

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, lines 6-11, with the following amended paragraph:

The amino acid sequences of many of these and other HBGFs are available from the National Library of Medicine Protein Database at the ~~internet site~~ world wide web address ~~http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez~~. These HBGF amino acid sequences on the foregoing internet site are hereby incorporated by reference. The use of synthetic HBGF analogs incorporating the amino acid sequences of the receptor binding domains from these and other HBGFs is specifically contemplated in the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 25 with the following amended paragraph.

FIG. 1 depicts the sequence of synthetic peptide analog F2A3 wherein the heparin binding domain is SEQ ID NO:2, the receptor binding domain is SEQ ID NO:7 and the C18 spacer is Hex which is an abbreviation for aminohexanoic acid.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 26 with the following amended paragraph.

FIG. 2 depicts the sequence of synthetic peptide analog F2A4 wherein the heparin binding domain is SEQ ID NO:2, the receptor binding domain is SEQ ID NO:6 and the C18 spacer is Hex which is an abbreviation for aminohexanoic acid.